

Recycling Tips



Follow these guidelines to keep our recycle stream clean!

What to recycle:

Metal Food & Beverage Cans - *Empty and rinsed*
Aluminum Foil & Empty Aerosol Cans (from non-hazardous products) are ok

Plastic Bottles, Jars, Jugs & Tubs – *Empty and rinsed (replace caps)*
Smaller than 2.5 gallons only

Glass Bottles & Jars - *Empty and rinsed clean*
Labels are ok

Paper & Cardboard - *Empty and flattened*
Newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail, paperback books are ok

What NOT to put in the recycle bins:

No Plastic Bags of any kind or Plastic Wrap - *Return to a retail store with collection bins*

Do NOT bag your recyclables - *the bags get stuck and cause jams in sorting machinery and are the #1 cause of ruined recyclables*

No Food or Liquid – *Don't put in bin with food/beverage residue*

No hoses, wires, chains, medicine bottles, bakeware, drinkware, dishware, canning jars, pots/pans

No styrofoam, straws, plastic cutlery, egg cartons, greasy pizza boxes, paper/plastic plates or cups, butter/margarine boxes, sticker sheets, paper towels/napkins

No Clothing or Linens – *Use the textile recycling bin in the parking lot of the Town Offices*

With the bans China has placed on recycling imports and the problems we face with glass recycling, putting the right items in our recycling bins is more important than ever. Dirty or non-recyclable items can ruin whole batches of otherwise good recycling. By following the above guidelines and keeping our recyclables empty, clean & dry we as a community can do our part in cutting down on recycling contamination.

First Reduce and Reuse, then Recycle

Area Recyclers and Bulky Item Disposal Facilities

Gold Circuit E-Cycling 2 Second St, Palmer 888-283-0007 www.goldcircuitrecycling.com Electronics

NEDT 190 East Main, Westfield 866-769-1621 www.nedt.org Household Hazardous Waste

P & F Salvage Yard 173 Cedar Swamp Road, Monson 413-267-5167 Metal

Valley Recycling 234 Easthampton Rd, Northampton 413-587-4279 www.valley-recycling.us Construction, Yard Waste

O'Reilly Auto Parts 1569 N. Main Street, Palmer 413-283-0079 www.oreillyauto.com Used Motor/Gear Oil, Auto Batteries

Excel Recycling 17 Griffin Road, Charlton 508-248-2922 www.excelrecycle.com Scrap Metal, Construction